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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - FEB 7-9

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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS --

-- COVERAGE OF THE U.S. IS RELATIVELY LIGHT BUT ON BALANCE CRITICAL; USUALLY FAVORABLE COVERAGE OF MFN SUPPORT IN THE U.S. TURNS A BIT SOUR, AND THE SECRETARY IS CRITICIZED FOR A STATEMENT ON CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES;

-- CHINA BECOMES THE MAIN TARGET ON EVERYTHING FROM ANGOLA TO ORIGINATING FALSE REPORTS OF ARMED CLASHES ON THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER (SEPTTEL);

-- KRASNAYA ZVESDA SAYS THE U.S. NOT ONLY HAD VAGUE "MILITARY-STRATEGIC" AIMS IN ANGOLA, BUT WANTED TO ESTABLISH BASES THERE;

--THE PRESS IS SOMEWHAT UNSURE OF HOW IT IS TO REACT TO THE PCF CONGRESS, BUT IS SEEMINGLY BEGINNING A CAMPAIGN BASED ON STATEMENTS WRUNG FROM MORE OBEDIENT CP'S CALLING FOR A STRUGGLE AGAINST ANTI-SOVIETISM AND EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT;

-- THE PRESS ANNOUNCES THE END OF THE "CAUCASUS" MILITARY MANEUVERS;

-- AND PRAVDA LAMBASTS THE CDU/CSU FOR ENGINEERING THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT IN LOWER SAXONY. END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. WEEKEND COVERAGE OF THE U.S. IS RELATIVELY LIGHT BUT CRITICAL. PRAVDA FEB 7 IN STANDARD PIECE ON SUPPORT BY BUSINESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION FOR MFN FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SOVIET UNION ENDS UNCHARACTERISTICALLY ON SOUR NOTE WITH TESTIMONY BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL STAATS OPPOSING MFN GRANT (ALTHOUGH IT POINTS OUT THAT HE SERVES CONGRESS). KRASNAYA ZVEZDA SAME DAY IN REPORT ON CIA, FBI AND IRS DIRTY TRICKS, DIRECTLY CRITICIZES THE SECRETARY FOR HIS INTENTION, ALLEGEDLY MADE CLEAR IN STATEMENT BEFORE CONGRESS, TO KEEP CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES "PURELY SYMBOLIC." PRAVDA FEB 7 REPORTS THAT CPSU SECRETARY KIRILENKO IN SPEECH IN FRANCE DURING PCF CONGRESS SAID THAT RECENT MOSCOW NEGOTIATIONS "IMPROVE PERSPECTIVES" FOR FURTHER ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS. PRAVDA'S WEEKLY

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW FEB 8 CRITICIZES UNNAMED DETENTE
OPPONENTS FOR SPREADING "CANARDS ABOUT SOVIET
EXPANSIONISM."

3. ANGOLA. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA FEB 8 IN SIGNED COMMENTARY
PICKS UP CONTENTION CARRIED IN SECOND RANK SOVIET PRESS
FEB 7 (REFTEL) THAT U.S. GOALS IN ANGOLA ARE "MILITARY-
STRATEGIC." COMMENTARY GOES EVEN FURTHER TO ASSERT THAT
WHAT PENTAGON DESIRED IN ANGOLA WAS "CREATION OF MILITARY
BASES." IT ALSO WARNS THAT DZDMSMYSLNT SUFFERED BY
UNITA AND FNLA ARE "PUSHING NATO TO NEW DANGEROUS STEPS,"
WHICH IT HOPES TO HIDE BY PROPAGANDA ON THE "SOVIET
THREAT." COMMENTARY CONTENDS THAT EVEN WHILE SUPPORTING
PORTUGUESE SUPPRESSION IN ANGOLA, U.S. WAS PREPARING A
FALLBACK POSITION BY SUBSIDIZING "TRAITORS" ROBERTO
AND SAVIMBI. PRAVDA FEB 7 REPLAYS SENATOR TUNNEY'S
STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO ARMS AID TO ANGOLAN OPPOSITION GROUPS,
AND ADDS EDITORIAL COMMENT THAT DESPITE
OPPOSITION OF MAJORITY OF CONGRESS, THE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES
EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR AID. PRAVDA
FEB 9 REPORTS ANGOLAN DEFENSE MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT
"LIBERATION CAMPAIGN" IN THE NORTH IS COMING TO AN
END. PAPER ALSO REPORTS THAT 3,500 MERCENARIES ALLEGEDLY
BEING RECRUITED IN PORTUGAL, BUT ADDS STATEMENT BY
PORTUGUESE MINISTER FOR COOPERATION CRESPO THAT GOVERNMENT WILL
HINDER THEIR DEPARTURE FOR ANGOLA.

4. FRENCH CP CONGRESS. THE SOVIET PRESS HAS BEEN SLOW
IN REACTING TO UNSETTLING ASPECTS OF PCF CONGRESS, BUT
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PATTERN FOR REPLIES HAS APPARENTLY BEEN SET BY THE
KIRILENKO SPEECH IN NANTERRE. THE SPEECH MAKES FOUR
POINTS: (1) IT DEFENDS SOVIET "DEMOCRACY" WITH ASSURANCES
THAT "BASIC FREEDOMS" ARE AFFORDED ALL SOVIET CITIZENS
AND THAT POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT IS
INCREASING; (2) IT IMPLIES THAT PRESENT SOCIAL ORDER
IN THE SOVIET UNION ASSURES UNITY OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE
THEREBY INSURING CONTINUED SOVIET STRENGTH AND ABILITY
TO "SERVE THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM"; (3) THE ANTI-SOVIET
CAMPAIGN BY DETENTE OPPONENTS HAS AS ITS AIM "TO CONFUSE
PROGRESSIVE FORCES" AND (4) BY QUOTING MARCHAIS' 1974
CRITICISM OF ANTI-SOVIETISM, IT REMINDS PCF OF TRADITION
OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE USSR. SIGNED REPORT IN PRAVDA
FEB 7 ON THE CONGRESS REPLAYS KIRILENKO LINE THAT ANTI-
SOVIET CAMPAIGN IS "AN ATTEMPT TO CONFUSE THE MAN IN
THE STREET," AND PRAVDA FEB 8 REPLAYS BELGIAN COMMUNIST
PARTY STATEMENT THAT ANTI-SOVIETISM HAS AS ITS AIM TO
"DISORIENT THE WORKERS AND DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENTS."
SEVERAL PCF FUNCTIONARIES INCLUDING PLISSONIER ARE
QUOTED IN THE WEEKEND PRESS AS ASSURING THAT THE PCF

WILL "CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE AGAINST ANTI-SOVIETISM."
PRAVDA FEB 9 IN TRANSPARENT REACTION TO PCF DEBATE ON
DICTATORSHIP OF PROLETARIAT REPRINTS NEUES DEUTSCHLAND
ARTICLE WHOSE THRUST IS THAT A SOCIALIST SOCIETY CANNOT
BE CONSTRUCTED ON ANY OTHER BASIS THAN DICTATORSHIP
OF THE PROLETARIAT. (AT SAME TIME, ND IS CAREFUL TO
SPECIFY THAT IT TAKES DIFFERENT FORMS IN DIFFERENT
COUNTRIES.)

5. NATO. ALL CENTRAL PRESS FEB 8 ANNOUNCES THE END OF
THE MILITARY MANEUVER "CAUCASUS," WITH PROMINENT MENTION
GIVEN PRESENCE AT EXERCISES OF FOREIGN MILITARY OBSERVERS.
BELGIAN DEFENSE MINISTER VAN DEN BOEYNANTS IS SUBJECT OF
STRONG CRITICISM IN PRAVDA FEB 9 FOR HIS STATEMENTS ON
CONTINUING SOVIET THREAT TO WEST.

6. FRG. PRAVDA IN SIGNED COMMENTARY FEB 8 SAYS THAT
CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN LOWER SAXONY TOOK PLACE AS A RESULT
OF A "RIGHTIST PLOT" WHICH IS A FIRST STEP IN PLAN BY
CDU/CSU TO ENGINEER A "PALACE REVOLUTION" IN BONN.
COMMENTARY SAYS THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT IS EVIDENCE OF
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INTENT BY "MANY REACTIONARY CIRCLES OF MONOPOLY CAPITAL
AND OF THE CDE/CSU" TO USE THE UNSTABLE RELATION OF
POLITICAL FORCES IN THE FRG TO COME TO POWER "AT ANY COST."
COMMENT. THE CRITICISM OF THE CDU/CSU IN THE
ARTICLE IS UNUSUALLY DIRECT IN LUMPING VIRTUALLY THE
WHOLE PARTY WITH "RIGHTIST FORCES". WHILE THE CDU/CSU
IS HARDLY THE SOVIET PRESS' FAVORITY PARTY IN THE FRG,
IT SELDOM IS THE TARGET OF SUCH OPEN ATTACKS. STOESSEL

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